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HIGHLIGHTS

GO BLUE DAY IS FRIDAY, APRIL 6

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time to recognize the importance of working together to prevent abuse and neglect, and to promote the well-being of children and families. Please show your support for child abuse prevention by wearing blue on Go Blue Day, Friday, April 6. You may visit the National Child Abuse Prevention Month [webpage](#) for the 2018 Prevention Resource Guide, information about protective factors, tip sheets for parents and caregivers, video gallery, and many other resources. For Missouri resources and activities, please visit [Children's Trust Fund](#), [Kansas City Child Abuse Roundtable](#), [St. Louis Family and Community Partnership](#), and [Missouri KidsFirst](#).

NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

It's time to plan for National Public Health Week (NPHW) which is **April 2 to 8**. Missouri's theme is "Healthy Missouri 2030: Be an Advocate for Public Health". Please click [here](#) for a flier that is available to customize for your agency and is Missouri specific. For ideas on advocating for public health in your community, please click here for a [toolkit](#). The Department of Health and Senior Services' [webpage](#) is updated with this year's NPHW initiative and resources.

#HEALTHIERMO INITIATIVE

This week the #HealthierMO Steering Committee approved a slate of candidates to serve on the initiative's Communications Committee. The group of five women and two men represent academic institutions, local public health agencies, and hospitals across Missouri. They bring collective experience in marketing, public relations, media, teaching, community outreach, event planning, social media, graphic design, and communication strategy development. They will support the initiative's communication efforts by working with the Communications Coordinator on communications planning, message and materials development, review and dissemination, sentiment monitoring, and communication program evaluation. Candidates for the initiative's Advisory Council are currently under review by the Steering Committee. The Advisory Council will make recommendations on approaches to advance the initiative and priority topics to be addressed in the next phase of the project. To learn more about the #HealthierMO initiative and sign up to receive weekly e-mail updates, please visit HealthierMO.org or Facebook [@HealthierMO](#).

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- [CDC Environmental Health Training Resources](#)
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- [Ozark Public Health Institute](#)
- [Heartland Centers](#)
- [Midwest Public Health Training Center](#)

2018 MISSOURI FISH CONSUMPTION ADVISORY RELEASED

The Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) released the 2018 Fish Consumption Advisory, an annual report that provides a variety of useful information to people who consume fish caught in Missouri waters. DHSS also released the 2018 Fish Advisory Summary Booklet. This year DHSS maintains the advisories from 2017 with only two changes:

- DHSS reduced the one meal per week catfish advisory on Montrose Lake in Henry County to only apply to flathead catfish greater than 24 inches.
- DHSS added an advisory on all species of buffalo fish taken from the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers. This advisory recommends limiting consumption of buffalo fish of all sizes to one meal per month due to elevated levels of Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs).

For more information, please visit the fish advisory [webpage](#) or contact the Bureau of Environmental Epidemiology at 573-751-6102 or 866-628-9891.

MASTERS IN PUBLIC HEALTH STUDENTS SEEKING INTERNSHIPS

Energetic, enthusiastic University of Missouri's Masters in Public Health (MPH) students are seeking internships in summer, 2018! Local public health agencies are terrific sites for MPH students to gain practical field experience in the real world of public health! Typically, internship projects include (but are not limited to) assistance with community assessment and strategic planning, researching and applying for grants, strategic communication and outreach, and program evaluation. We also have an exciting veterinary public health (VPH) option. VPH students are perfect for internships involving zoonotic and vector-borne diseases, animal control, food safety, environmental health, and emergency planning. If you are interested in potentially hosting an MPH intern this summer, please contact Lynelle Phillips, RN MPH, Field Placement Coordinator, University of Missouri MPH Program at phillip-slm@health.missouri.edu or 573-884-8976. Please learn more about our program at <https://healthprofessions.missouri.edu/mph/>.

VIRAL HEPATITIS RESOURCE DIRECTORY ONLINE UPDATE FORM

The Bureau of HIV, STD, and Hepatitis Viral Hepatitis Prevention Program has created an online tool for adding/updating information to the Missouri Viral Hepatitis Resource Directory. This will allow users to add/update federally qualified health centers, local public health agencies, community based organizations, and provider information regarding testing and treatment of hepatitis. The goal is for the directory to be updated regularly and provide a comprehensive list of all entities providing hepatitis related services. The Viral Hepatitis Prevention Program will verify information submitted. The directory will be updated on a monthly basis. Please take a moment to complete your organizational information and share the link with other providers. If you have any questions, please contact Tara McKinney at 573-526-6640. Please click [here](#) to locate the current directory and [here](#) to update/add your information.

MDA FOUNDATION GRANT PROGRAM

The Missouri Dental Association (MDA) Foundation Grant Program started in 2012 and has grown in funding each year. This essential grant program offers financial support to efforts that create better oral health for Missourians through educational programs, access-to-care initiatives, and community collaborations. To date 22 grants totaling \$24,307 have been awarded across Missouri. The MDA Foundation invites member dentists or organizations you are involved with, to consider submitting a grant application for funding to support community oral health programs and initiatives. The application period for the 2018 grant program is now open and will close on **July 15**. For more information and to apply, please visit their [website](#). You may also contact Paul Roberts at 573-634-3436 or paul@modentalmail.org.

WIC UPDATES

The WIC Updates have been posted to the WIC webpage. You can view the updates at <http://health.mo.gov/living/families/wic/wicupdates/index.php>. This week's updates include:

- Enfamil Gentlease Ready-to-Use (RTU)
- Missouri Care HEDIS Audit
- WIC Developmental Milestones Program Survey Results
- JOB POSTING: Health Educator - Columbia/Boone WIC Program
- JOB POSTING: Part-Time Breastfeeding Peer Counselor - Family Care Health Centers
- JOB POSTING: Part-Time WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor - Affinia Healthcare

DHSS CORNER

DHSS JOB OPPORTUNITIES/NEWS:

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH SPECIALIST IV – Bureau of Environmental Health Services

The Bureau of Environmental Health Services seeks candidates for immediate openings for three Environmental Public Health Specialist IVs. Consideration will be given to locate the positions in the Department of Health and Senior Services' (DHSS) offices in Jefferson City, Rolla/Phelps County, and St. Louis. These are technical and consultative positions that will be responsible for serving as a liaison to local public health agencies, conducting inspections of food manufacturers, permitting onsite wastewater treatment systems, and conducting child care sanitation, and lodging safety and sanitation inspections. This position will involve moderate amounts of travel statewide to attend meetings and conduct inspections, with occasional overnight stays. Applicants must be on or eligible for the Environmental Public Health Specialist IV register. To determine your eligibility for these classifications, please review eligibility criteria at <http://oa.mo.gov/personnel/classification-specifications/4615>. If you are interested in any of these positions, please submit your [DHSS application](#), updated resume, and official college transcripts to Anna Marie Baker at Anna.Baker@health.mo.gov by close of business **April 9**. For more information, please contact Eric Hueste or Aaron Winslow at 573-751-6095.

MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, AND TRAININGS

STATEWIDE PUBLIC HEALTH MEETING – May 14 - 15

The Statewide Public Health Meeting is rescheduled for May 14 and 15 at the Governor Office Building in Jefferson City. This replaces the meeting that was originally scheduled for April 10 and 11. More information will be shared as plans are finalized.

MISSOURI CHILD ADVOCACY DAY – April 3

Missouri's Annual Child Advocacy Day will be April 3 with registration at 8:30 a.m. and activities beginning at 9:30 a.m. Child Advocacy Day is an opportunity for parents, child care professionals, health care providers, and community members to speak up and ask lawmakers to make the health, safety, and education of Missouri's children a top priority for the state. Activities include workshops on current legislative and budget issues affecting children and families, a rally at the Capitol with other advocates from around the state, and recognition of this year's Child Advocate Award winner(s). For more information and registration for this free event, please visit <http://childadvocacyday.org/>.

2018 MMFEHA ANNUAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE – April 4 - 6

The 2018 Missouri Milk Food and Environmental Health Association (MMFEHA) Annual Education Conference will be April 4 to 6 at the [Oasis Hotel and Convention Center](#) in Springfield. To make a hotel reservation, you may call 417-866-5253 or reserve [online](#). Be sure to ask for the Missouri Milk, Food, and Environmental Health Association group rate of \$93 per night. The 2018 conference [agenda](#) is now available. To register, please visit <http://www.mmfeha.org/> or use the mail-in registration [form](#).

ONSITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PROGRAM UPCOMING COURSES

The next Onsite Wastewater Treatment System (OWTS) Basic Installer course will be April 9 to 10, and the OWTS Advanced Installer course is April 11 to 12. Both courses will be in Jefferson City. Individuals interested in one of these trainings or becoming registered to install, repair, and/or modify OWTS, please fill out the appropriate registration form located on our [website](#). If you have questions, please call the Onsite Wastewater Treatment Program staff at 573-751-6095.

MISSOURI COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER STATEWIDE CONFERENCE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN – April 18 - 19

Announcing the first Missouri Community Health Worker Statewide Conference is being held on April 18 and 19 at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia. Please join current and future community health workers, other health team members, employers, (and potential employers!) and insurers for two days of education and networking opportunities. Topics range from improving health outcomes to maintaining your own health and safety. Funding for the conference is through Missouri Foundation for Health and Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City. For more information and to register, please visit the conference [website](#).

MPHA CONFLICT RESOLUTION TRAINING – April 19

The Missouri Public Health Association (MPHA) Conflict Resolution training will be held April 19 at the Stoney Creek Hotel and Conference Center in Columbia. The training session will focus on how professionals in the public health field can better understand and manage the conflicts they experience in their work. For more information and to register, please click [here](#).

20TH ANNUAL LOW BIRTHWEIGHT PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE PRESENTS “CONVENING PARTNERSHIPS TO ADDRESS MATERNAL DEATHS” – April 20

The 20th Annual Low Birthweight Partnership Initiative presents “Convening Partnerships to Address Maternal Deaths” on April 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Miner Convention Center in Miner. For more information, please click [here](#) for a flier. Please RSVP to Vickie Rose at 573-471-9400 by **April 16**.

HUD SMOKE-FREE POLICY: HOW LPHAS CAN HELP WEBINAR – April 25

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Smoke-Free Policy: How Local Public Health Agencies (LPHAs) Can Help webinar will be held April 25 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. HUD requires all Public Housing Authorities to implement a smoke-free policy by July 30, restricting smoking to outdoor areas within 25 feet of all buildings. This free webinar will provide an overview of the HUD rule, resources to assist LPHAs in developing their policies, and a panel of Missouri experts with experience in implementing the new policy and providing tobacco cessation services to public housing residents wanting to quit smoking. Please [register](#) for this webinar and learn more about how LPHAs can help Public Housing Agencies implement their smoke-free policy. For more information, please contact Diane Coffman, Department of Health and Senior Services Tobacco Control Specialist, at diane.coffman@health.mo.gov or 573-441-6231.

LABORATORY SERVICES WORKSHOP FOR LPHA DISEASE INVESTIGATORS – April 25 - 26

The popular and highly regarded Laboratory Services Workshop for Local Public Health Agency (LPHA) Disease Investigators is once again being offered! The workshop will be held on April 25 and 26 at the Comfort Inn & Suites Conference Room in Hannibal. This is a workshop you won't want to miss! Please register [here](#) by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, **April 6**. For more information, please call Kayla Keppler or Amy Pierce at 573-522-1444, or contact your Regional Senior Epi Specialist. Agendas for the workshop will be sent out upon completion of registration.

NEW TRAINING OPPORTUNITY! EPI-READY TRAINING – May 30 - 31

A free training to help combat foodborne illnesses is open to local public health agencies on May 30 and 31 in Springfield. The University of Tennessee's Integrated Food Safety Center of Excellence will conduct this Epi-Ready Training. The course focuses on epidemiology, environmental health, laboratory, and nursing components that can combine into a team, communicate, and strengthen foodborne illness response. You can also earn continuing education credits. For detailed information, please click [here](#). For a flier, please click [here](#). For more information, please contact Tamara.Chavez-Lindell@tn.gov or Mark.Buxton@health.mo.gov.

For other training opportunities, please see [Links to Valuable Resources](#) that are on Page 2 of this Friday Facts publication.

LPHA JOB OPPORTUNITIES

REGISTERED NURSE – Camden County Health Department

The Camden County Health Department seeks candidates for a full-time Registered Nurse. A current Missouri nursing license is required. Candidates must be flexible, have strong communication and computer skills, and be a strong team member. This position requires work in all aspects of Public Health including Immunizations, Communicable Disease, Women's Health, Health Education, and Emergency Response. The salary is \$16.32 hourly and the work week is 35 hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This position is eligible for full benefits including insurance, vacation, sick, CERF, and Lagers. For more information, please contact Bee Dampier at 573-346-5479 Ext. 204. Please submit resume to bee.dampier@lpha.mo.gov.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE (LPN) – Cass County Health Department

The Cass County Health Department (CCHD) seeks candidates for a part-time Public Health Nurse. Hours will vary with an average of three days per week. Candidates must possess a current Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) nursing license issued by the Missouri State Board of Nursing. This Public Health Nurse will provide a wide range of services for clients including immunizations, health screenings, laboratory testing, health education, care coordination for communicable diseases, and community-based nursing. The Public Health Nurse will also assist with the planning, coordination, and execution of other community health programs as needed. Immunization, pediatric, or public health experience is a plus. Being bilingual is a plus. To apply, please submit your resume and cover letter to the Cass County Health Department, Attn: Resume, 300 South Main, Harrisonville, MO 64701 or healthdepartment@casscounty.com. CCHD is an equal opportunity employer.

AIR POLLUTION INSPECTOR II - City of St. Louis Department of Health

The City of St. Louis Department of Health seeks candidates for a full-time Air Pollution Inspector II. The Inspector is responsible for enforcing compliance with air pollution regulations through inspection, investigation, and issuance of violation notices. For a complete job description, please click [here](#). For more information and to apply, please click [here](#).

CLERK – Crawford County Nursing Service

The Crawford County Nursing Service seeks candidates for a full-time Clerk. Hours are Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Demonstration of excellent written and verbal communication skills, intrapersonal skills, and computer skills are required. Knowledge of Microsoft Excel is preferred. Candidates need to like working with the public particularly children/infants, be able to travel for trainings occasionally, and work occasional evening hours as required by the job. Some lifting is required. To apply, please mail your resume to P. O. Box 367, Steelville, MO 65565; bring to 202 West Main St. in Steelville; fax to 573-775-3826, Attention: Honor Evans; or e-mail to honor.evans@lpha.mo.gov.

REGISTERED NURSE – Crawford County Nursing Service

The Crawford County Nursing Service seeks candidates for a full-time Registered Nurse (RN). Hours are Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Candidates must have a current Missouri RN license and current Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification. Maternal/child health experience is preferred. Job duties include immunization administration, prenatal case management, communicable disease investigation, and other public health services. Candidates need to like working with children/infants, be able to travel for trainings, and work occasional evening hours as required. Some lifting will be required. To apply, please mail your resume to P. O. Box 367, Steelville, MO 65565; bring to 202 West Main St. in Steelville; fax to 573-775-3826, Attention: Honor Evans; or e-mail to honor.evans@lpha.mo.gov.

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH SPECIALIST I – Jefferson County Health Department

The Jefferson County Health Department seeks candidates for an Environmental Public Health Specialist I. The Specialist will be doing professional and technical work in promoting community environmental health and the implementation of environmentally influenced public health laws and regulations. For a complete job description and to apply, please click [here](#). Please submit resume to Jennifer.pinkley@jeffcohealth.org by Thursday, **April 12**.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE II – Jefferson County Health Department

The Jefferson County Health Department seeks candidates for a Public Health Nurse II. The Public Health Nurse will be promoting and providing nursing services in accordance with community focused health programs in the clinical setting. For a complete job description and to apply, please click [here](#). Please submit resume to Jennifer.pinkley@jeffcohealth.org by Thursday, **April 12**.

OFFICE MANAGER – Missouri Coalition for Oral Health

The Missouri Coalition for Oral Health (MCOH), based in Jefferson City, seeks candidates for a full-time Office Manager. This key position will help the MCOH achieve its mission of improving the oral health of all Missourians through sound public policy and public awareness. The Office Manager is responsible for ensuring effective and efficient operations of the Coalition office through strong organizational skills. Candidates will have a desire to work within a collaborative organization to support advocacy and positive health care policy change. This is a highly responsible and demanding position that requires the ability to learn and accurately implement varied procedures and tasks. This is a 30 hour per week position. The Office Manager reports to the Executive Director. Motivated individuals, please submit a cover letter, resume, and application, no later than **March 30**, to Gary Harbison, Executive Director, Missouri Coalition for Oral Health, 213 Adams Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101. For more information and an application, please visit www.oralhealthmissouri.org.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR – Perry County Health Department

The Perry County Health Department seeks candidates for an Assistant Director. Please submit resume to Valerie Klein, Director of Perry County Health Department, at Valerie.Klein@lpha.mo.gov.

PERINATAL HEPATITIS B REGISTERED NURSE – St. Louis County Department of Public Health

The St. Louis County Department of Public Health seeks candidates for a part-time Perinatal Hepatitis B Registered Nurse (RN). This is a part-time position working approximately 24 hours per week. A specific schedule will be determined after selection is made. The RN is responsible for investigating Hepatitis B reports and providing case management for the Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention program which follows infants whose mothers have Hepatitis B. This position is funded by a grant and primarily works in Berkeley with some field work. The starting salary will be between \$21.83 and \$26.19 per hour based on experience and qualifications. Prorated Paid Time Off (PTO) and holiday pay will be provided. Requirements are current licensure as a RN and at least one year experience preferably in infection control, disease investigation, community health, or an appropriate nursing area. A current valid driver's license is also required. Please apply [here](#) by **April 6**.

VECTOR CONTROL ASSISTANTS – St. Louis County Department of Public Health

The St. Louis County Department of Public Health seeks candidates for seven full-time Vector Control Assistants. These Assistants will be providing a valued service by assuring public health and safety by limiting public exposure to the mosquito population. This is predominately an outdoor field position requiring some stamina and physical ability. Vector Control Assistants are part of a team whose mission is to protect the public health by conducting mosquito surveillance and applying chemical treatment for larval and adult mosquitoes. Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach is utilized to minimize adult mosquito populations; targeted treatment is based on field surveillance. Minimum qualifications are preferred coursework in biology, natural science, or any equivalent combination of training and experience. For more information and to apply, please click [here](#).

c: Dr. Randall Williams, Department Director, DHSS Staff
County Presiding Commissioners, Board Chairs

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